

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 158 (9/21/05)

1. Purpose: A regularly scheduled meeting of the RACC was held from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EST in Room 3246 on Wednesday, September 21, 2005, to discuss and address national and regional AWIPS issues, problems and concerns.
2. Regions In Attendance: The following regions (and other NWS organizations) participated in the conference call: **ERH**: Cindy Scott, Don Miller; **SRH**: Eric Howieson; **WRH**: Gar Nelson; **CRH**: Greg Noonan; **ARH**: Phil Mieczynski; **NGIT**: Bruno Vercillo; **FSL**: Rich Jesuroga; **NWSTC**: Dave Cokely; **Warning Decision Training Branch**: Mike Magsig, Timm Decker;
3. Discussion Items: The following topics were discussed/briefed at the meeting:
 - a. Status of OB5 and Beta Testing of OB6: There are 26 sites that have not installed OB5. Most are scheduled on the Oracle calendar with the exception of several national centers and sites FGF and STR. There are plenty of slots available in October for scheduling OB5. [Editor=s note: site STR was placed on the calendar by Gar Nelson during the conference call.]

Concerning the beta testing of OB6 Phase 3, there have been several additional issues discovered this week. Some of these involve a script change on the DVD, an updated tar ball to add to the DVD, and additional pre or post install step to the instructions. There is also a possible issue with the notification server that is undergoing additional investigation. At this point, beta testing of Phase 3 is scheduled to resume next week with beta 6a or beta 7.

Since IFPS 17.6 is now a prerequisite for OB6, beta sites that already have an earlier beta version (pre beta 5) must complete the upgrade to 17.6 before any OB6 delta upgrades can be completed.

To date, 155 sites have completed the AS servers deactivation. Sites can deactivate their AS servers after the install of OB4.2 and after all local applications have been moved off of the AS servers. The deactivation is a prerequisite to the rack consolidation. The focal points agreed to look into their affected sites completing this action.

b. Focal Point/Participants Reports, Problems and Concerns:

Alaska Region: We have just one site in the region that still needs to install OB5 (site ACR) and that site is scheduled for September 28. We installed OB6 (beta version 5) on the regional headquarters system last week. As a result, we are able to get the GFS 190 data back and are pleased with it. We tested for Bob Morris the DX failovers and it worked well with the OB6 sites (beta 5) that have the new kernels installed.

Central Region: One more test version of the NWRWAVES software will be issued before final implementation of the software. One side note, Bill Gery is out of the office this week involved in the service assessment for Hurricane Katrina.

Eastern Region: nothing significant to report.

Southern Region: We have a continuing problem with the GFS data not coming in for several hours at a time. The NCF has been notified and a trouble ticket was written up and we are awaiting a response to this annoying problem. We continue to see a problem with the text issue (known problem in OB6, beta 2) that affects zone forecast products, hurricane products, etc. A trouble ticket has been written up. We had a workstation on our headquarter=s system break down and have had a problem getting it back up by following the written up instructions to do so. NGIT took the action item to contact the regional headquarters and to assist them.

Western Region: We scheduled during this conference call the RFC at Salt Lake (site STR) to perform their OB5 upgrade on October 18. Earlier during this call, this was one of the remaining sites that was called out to be scheduled for the upgrade.

FSL: nothing significant to report.

NWSTC: nothing significant to report.

Warning Decision Training Branch: We are working to install OB6, alpha 7 into the WES. The preliminary testing is going okay although the WarnGen isn=t into the WES yet. The WES is working okay with OB5.

NGIT: nothing significant to report.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, 2005. If you know of any agenda items you wish to be discussed at this RACC, please e-mail them to Jim Stenpeck and cc Wayne Martin. This is to ensure that all of the appropriate WSH personnel attend this RACC to address your issues.